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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN AID

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1. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL TEXT OF STORY IN NAIROBI DAILY NATION OF APRIL 14 HEADLINED " AMIN SAYS UGANDA WILL PROGRESS EVEN IF U. S. AID STOPS." FIRST PART OF STORY REPORTS AMIN'S REMARKS TO VISITING GHANAIAAN TRADE MINISTER (REFTEL).

BEGIN TEXT. THE UNITED STATES IS TERMINATING ALL AID PROJECTS IN UGANDA BY JUNE 30, US OFFICIALS REPORTED IN WASHINGTON TODAY.

TERMINATION, OFFICIALS EXPLAINED, MEANS IN EFFECT THE HALTING OF ALL ONGOING AID PROGRAMMES IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY WERE CONCLUDED BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR OR NOT.

LAST SEPTEMBER THE UNITED STATES WITHHELD A PROJECTED 3 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN. THE ADMINISTRATION DECIDED, HOWEVER, TO CONTINUE 2.1 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ONGOING ASSISTANCE TO UGANDA.

NOW THESE PROGRAMMES WILL COME TO A HALT AND SOME 30 AID OFFICIALS WITH ABOUT 50 DEPENDENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE COUNTRY.

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THERE WERE ALTOGETHER EIGHT ONGOING PROJECTS MOSTLY IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, INCLUDING LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

AND AGRICULTURAL TRAINING. OTHERS WERE POPULATION CONTROL AND MATERNAL AND HEALTH TRAINING.

NORWAY AND CANADA HAVE ALREADY TERMINATED THEIR AID PROGRAMMES TO UGANDA. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL TEXT OF STORY IN NAIROBI EAST AFRICAN STANDARD OF APRIL 16 HEADLINED " GEN. AMIN ADVISES OTHERS TO ' KICK OUT NON- CITIZENS.' FIRST PART OF STORY REPORTS SOME OF AMIN' S REMARKS TO REFUGEE REPRESENTATIVES AND PLAN TO CREATE UGANDAN NAVY.

BEGIN TEXT. ABOUT 100 TECHNICAL ADVISERS WITH THE U. S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM UGANDA BY THE BEGINNING OF JULY, STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES IN WASHINGTON CONFIRMED.

THE WITHDRAWAL WILL MARK THE END OF U. S. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL AID TO GEN. AMIN' S REGIME, WHICH HAS BEEN RUNNING AT ABOUT L560,000 SPREAD OVER EIGHT EDUCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMMES.

HOWEVER, 30 UGANDANS TRAINING IN THE U. S. WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES, THE SOURCES SAID.

CANADA, BRITAIN AND NORWAY HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO END THEIR TECHNICAL AID TO UGANDA. END TEXT.
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